

VERMONT TOBACCO EVALUATION AND REVIEW BOARD
BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Agency of Human Services, Conference Room C, 208 Hurricane Lane, Williston, VT

Minutes

Members attending by phone: Amy Brewer, Bill Goggins, Rebecca Thompson, Sruthi Sakamuri, Scott Connolly, Rhonda Williams

Members attending in person: Bob Uerz, Helen Wagner

Meeting began at 3:03pm.

Public Comment: none.

Annual legislative report budget recommendation (**VOTE**)

Amy started meeting with a summary of Board discussions that have taken place over the past months pertaining to the FY2017 budget recommendation.

Amy made a motion to recommend that Vermont's tobacco control program be funded in FY2017 at \$3.97 million (including global commitment dollars allocated to the Vermont Department of Health for tobacco control).

Scott Seconded.

Discussion:

Rebecca amended motion to recommend funding the Vermont tobacco control program in FY17 at \$3,971, 996. This would align VTERB's recommendation with the coalition for tobacco-free Vermont's recommendation.

Sruthi seconded.

Helen shared that the Vermont Attorney General is supportive of a robust tobacco control program. His support this year is with the understanding that there will be no lobbying for further cuts to the AGO and other budgets as experienced in FY16. The Attorney General is looking for that assurance before VTERB votes on a funding recommendation.

Amy replied that in the 2015 legislative session she, on behalf of VTERB, requested a.) full funding and, b.) to not lose Board independence and funding for the comprehensive tobacco control program. Amy provided assurance to the Attorney General and all Board members that VTERB did not and will not lobby to cut our partners in any way, or cut the program as a whole, nor would she support others lobbying for tobacco control funding cuts on behalf of the Board.

Vote on amendment to recommend that Vermont's tobacco control program be funded in FY2017 at \$3,971,996.

Voting in favor: Amy, Scott, Rebecca, Sruthi

Opposed: Helen, Bill G.

Abstaining: Rhonda, Bob

Amended motion did not pass.

Original motion stands. That is to recommend that Vermont's tobacco control program is funded in FY2017 at \$3.97 million (including global commitment dollars allocated to the Vermont Department of Health for tobacco control).

Additional amendments: none

Voting in favor: Amy, Scott, Rebecca, Sruthi, Helen, Bill G.

Opposed: none

Abstaining: Rhonda, Bob

Motion passed.

Kate will include this recommendation in the VTERB 2016 annual report: VTERB recommends that Vermont's tobacco control program be funded in FY2017 at \$3.97 million (including global commitment dollars allocated to the Vermont Department of Health for tobacco control).

Other Business/Information: none.

Meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

***Next regular VTERB Meeting:
Wednesday February 3, 2016, 3:00-5:00pm
Vermont Department of Liquor Control, 13 Green Mountain Drive, Montpelier***